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Calendar

Sun., Nov. 27	Art exhibit, Sean Ruttkay, Town Hall, 2–6 pm (see Sweet and Sour, p 6)	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm (see mayor's letter, p 7)
Wed., Nov. 30	Citizens Assoc. Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Tues., Dec. 13 Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Fri., Dec. 2	Montgomery Potters, Town Hall (also Dec. 3 and 4)	Wed., Dec. 14 Jam session, Town Hall, 7 pm
Mon., Dec. 5	Once a month yard waste collection day	Fri., Dec. 23 Am Kolel Shabbat Service (Celebration of the Season of the Lights), Town Hall, 6:30 pm (see Sweet and Sour, p 6)
Fri., Dec. 9	23rd Annual Do-it-Yourself Carolfest, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Wed., Dec. 28 Citizens Assoc. Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Dec. 10	Santa, Town Hall, afternoon; Luminaria walk in the evening, caroling groups (see p 8)	Sun., Jan. 1 Possible New Year's Day reception, Town Hall, 4–6 pm
Mon., Dec. 12	Presentation by state legislative delegation, reception, 7:15;	Sat., Jan 21 or 28 Town Dinner, Town Hall, evening

Three Seconds of Silence

The November meeting of the Town Council featured a three-second moment of silence in memory of Grace E.D. Sprigg, as the Council unanimously voted in favor of an ordinance allowing County enforcement of the “improper public activity” ordinance. (See last month's column for details.)

The meeting began, though, with a recently returned Garrett Parker bidding farewell to a beloved tree that had disappeared from town while he was away.

And as long as we're on the subject of the natural world (faithful readers know that transitions are one of my weak points as a writer, but I'm trying), another citizen, during Citizens' Announcements, asked that townspeople not rake or blow their leaves into wide piles along the street, because this makes driving and walking rather hazardous, as it leaves very little street.

Moving from nature to culture, yet another citizen reminded all of us to tell children not to play in the street leaves.

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The meeting now leapt neatly over to the Mayor's Report, during which she announced that the Seferlis stone carving will be donated to the town by his two sons, who will accept the money we've so far raised as an installation fee. The sculpture is to be installed in front of Penn Place, possibly in the spring. The town deeply appreciates their generosity.

The Mayor also updated us on the tenants in Penn Place. Susie Rosloff has left her office, which has now been rented to Minor and Minor, a computer company for which John Bennett works. His old space will be taken by Barbara Black. Thus, we have the same number of tenants; we've just shifted people about.

Mayor Shawaker concluded by announcing that two ordinances would have been proposed that night, but are being shelved for the moment, the first (involving Penn Place parking) because we need to clarify fire truck access issues along Rokeby, and the second (involving speed limits) because it turns out that since we don't have our own police force, any limit is subject to the county system. To change our speed limit to less than 25 mph in residential areas, furthermore, we need SHA approval. Their engineers have to come and look at the situation, etc. So we need more time on both of these issues to work out unforeseen complications.

A citizen in the audience asked the Mayor how much of a delay this will mean in terms of a solution to the Penn Place parking problem, and the Mayor said she was not sure. Councilmember Soltan then said that he thought the Council should apologize to the Penn Place parking committee for having mishandled this matter. Councilmember Wegner said, "I want the committee to get back to its work. I find it a puzzlement as to why it's not working."

The chair of the parking committee explained that a meeting that the committee had scheduled with parking consultants was cancelled by the Mayor. The Mayor then explained that she thought it would be best to do this, given what she understood as dissension on the Council about the plans the committee was going to endorse. A member of the Council denied this.

Under Councilmember Reports, Hans Wegner reported that there remains a long-term and probably expensive problem with flooding at the base of Clermont. He also said that he regretted that the SHA has still not gotten the Strathmore lights going.

Councilmember Bennett announced that the Council has called off the plan to survey the town about the overlay zone, since the County Council just passed an amendment changing the way height is measured, and the Historic Preservation Committee feels this accomplishes what we wanted.

Councilmember Soltan reported that the Arboretum budget is disappearing quickly because of a number of urgent and expensive tree removals. For a variety of reasons, including other urgent removals and the need for planting, he anticipated "significant budgeting" for this committee in the future.

The Town Manager then updated us on the improvements Park and Planning has been making in Waverly Park. "Their retaining wall is nice, but doesn't have drainage," he remarked, "so it's leaking."

And speaking of leaking, the repair of the venerable Shelley Court sinkhole (about which someone should write a sea chantey) is "moving forward," someone in authority said (can't remember who). I'll believe it when I see it.

Margaret Soltan

Art at Penn Place

The exhibition in the first floor gallery space in Penn Place changed on November 6, and we urge everyone to walk upstairs from the post office and have a look. The current exhibit features the work of photographer Silvia Dinale, who lives on Rokeby Avenue. Silvia's richly colored photographs are a reinterpretation of traditional "nature morte" (still life) paintings. Although the inspiration of the painted still life is evident, Silvia creates a different vision through the introduction of unexpected, and even uncomfortable, objects—creating a combination of "the beautiful and the grotesque."

Silvia received a B.F.A. in photography and painting from the Art Institute of Chicago, and an M.F.A. in photography from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. She has taught photography at the New School for Social Research and the Parsons School of Design, both in New York, and at Ohio University. She has exhibited in numerous galleries in the Northeast and Midwest over the past 15 years.

We are very pleased to have Silvia's work as the second individual exhibition in our Art in Penn Place schedule.

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Town Administrator Notes

Holiday Gifts: If you want to make a holiday gift to the five men who take away our trash, recycling, and yard waste, please mail it to PO Box 84, or drop it off at the Town Office. Checks should be payable to Garrett Park. We will handle this the same way as last year, which worked out well. The town will send each contributor an acknowledgement and will see that the fund is properly distributed the week before Christmas to the Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling, Inc., workers who service Garrett Park.

Holiday Collection of Trash, Recycling, & Yard Waste: Thanksgiving trash collection will be the next Monday (Nov. 28). Trash and recycling *will be collected* the Mondays after Christmas (Dec. 26) and New Year's (Jan. 2). Remember! Yard waste is collected on only the first Mondays of December, January, and February. Weekly collection of yard waste returns in March.

Leaves & Traffic: The leaves are falling thick and fast now, and big piles are appearing at the roadside. Please ask your children not to play in piles along the street. Motorists, please use extra care and keep your speed down. Leaf-rakers, please try to keep your piles as narrow as possible so as not to restrict the flow of traffic unduly.

Town Hall Rentals: The Town Hall has become increasingly busy over the past year. Residents who wish to reserve it for events should plan well ahead in order to reserve a date. Call the Town Office to make reservations.

Annual Audit: The audit of the town's 2005 fiscal year (July 2004 through June 2005) has been completed. Residents who would like a copy of the report can stop by the office to collect one.

Montgomery County Volunteer Center: The MCVC has compiled a listing of ways to help others during the holiday season. To donate time, money, or gifts, call the Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600 or visit their Web site at www.montgomeryvolunteer.org.

Laura, Butch, and Frank join me in wishing all town residents a fine Thanksgiving. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please feel free to stop by the office any time, or call 301-933-7488.

Ted Pratt, Town Administrator

We're Green Again!

We finally caught up to Barbara Shidler and her contribution for the green banner. I believe her donation is in honor of the near completion of the Strathmore Avenue project, which she has been suffering with since she lived on Strathmore, and with love to her children. We have April, May, and June waiting for donors; if you are interested, send checks (and memorial information) to me, Box 98. Many thanks.

Mary Moyer

From the PO

Have you met our new Postmaster, Kathy Matczak? She's worked for the Post Office for 20 years, with her last posting being at headquarters downtown. Before that she was Postmaster at the Thornburg, Virginia, post office—another branch with no street delivery, very laid back, and more rural than we are. Maybe that's why the post office department decided she would be a good fit for us. She finds us very friendly, and a unique community. She lives in Laurel, Maryland, with her husband of 30 years (as of December 20). She has two children, a son home from Afghanistan, and a daughter who just got engaged.

Kathy says that the hours will probably change slightly in the new year (less lunch time break), and the rate for a first class letter will go up to 39 cents starting January 8. This rate increase may or may not include different rates for more than one ounce, or for bulk mailings.

She also reminds us that people need to empty their mailboxes every day, and be sure to have your mail addressed to your mailbox number. It makes the sorting go that much faster. The deadlines to mail first class cards/packages in time for Christmas are December 19 for First Class and December 21 for Priority Mail. Using Express Mail you have until December 23. The deadline for shipping by Parcel Post is December 14.

Welcome, Kathy, to your new job, and have fun with the holiday rush.

Mary Moyer

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Letter to the Editor

Missing the Cafe

I think it has been about a year since the Black Market opened. I dined there recently, as I have a number of times in the past, and will do in the future. The food was excellent, as was the service. It was a pleasant evening for my guest and myself. But that was all. The market is merely a good restaurant, conveniently located in town. It provides good food and traffic.

The Garrett Park Cafe, on the other hand, was a neighborhood restaurant. It was “of” rather than just “in” Garrett Park. It was a place where you went to eat, often meeting friends and neighbors and where you might be greeted by name by the owner and staff. It provided (in my case) thoughtful catering assistance for both joyful and sad occasions. In short, it was “community.”

I am not familiar with the economics of the issues that resulted in the loss of the cafe. Perhaps it was unavoidable. Regardless, that loss has diminished Garrett Park as a community.

Bob Segal

Holiday Season Begins

On December 9, the holiday season in Garrett Park will make its official appearance. The twenty-third annual Do-it-Yourself Carolfest will be held in the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Directed again this year by Sue Numrich, the songs will include a mixture of sacred and secular music. The first half will be geared towards the children, so that after intermission the younger participants can leave, and the serious singers can continue with some harder music. The small group will entertain with songs celebrating the holidays. So bring your voices ready to open the holiday season in rousing song. If anyone has suggestions for music for next year, bring a copy with you.

Mary Moyer

Visit Garrett Park's Web site:

www.garrettpark.org/

Got Brick?

The Garrett Park Brick Project was a great success—except for the misspelling and the paid-for-but-never-ordered brick. Our mistakes are your opportunity: Because the contractor will need to come out and fix these errors, we're going to sell a limited number of additional engraved bricks, but only for the next 30 days.

Here are the particulars: A 4×8 engraved brick costs \$50; an 8×8 costs \$100. The 4×8 can include 1 to 3 lines of engraving. Each line can include up to 15 characters + punctuation + spaces per line (for example, “Garrett Park” includes 12 characters + space). The 8×8 can include 1 to 5 lines, with the same limits per line (don't tell anyone, but you can probably go up to 16 spaces per line. Shhh...). All letters will be in capitals. Special characters are available, but not encouraged.

If you would like to purchase an engraved brick, mail a check made out to “GPCA Brick Project” to Jack Mandel at PO Box 305, with the following on a sheet of paper (not on note cards or a Post-It or anything like that):

- Your name, address (PO Box is fine), phone number, and e-mail (if you have one).
- Numbers and sizes of bricks you want (a \$100 check can be two 4×8s or one 8×8—tell me).
- Clear instructions of what you want engraved. (Print, do not use cursive; include 3 lines for a 3 line brick; write it exactly as you want it to look: commas? Semicolons? No punctuation?)
- Any special instructions (keeping bricks together, for example).

If you're not sure how you want it to read, go down to the Post Office and see which bricks appeal to you. Your name? Your family history? Your pets? A special event? A poem? A phrase only a few people will understand? It's up to you.

There will be a limit of 50 additional 4×8 and 50 additional 8×8 bricks, to ensure that the patio maintains balance and a sense of proportion, as we will be pulling out nonengraved bricks and replacing them with engraved ones. If you have questions, call Jack in the evenings.

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Joys of Volunteering

The *Bugle* asked a couple of town volunteers at GPES to talk about their experiences there. Here's Dee Lichtenstein:

"A lot of the time I work in reading classes. I walk around the room assisting the children with work at their desks, or I work with small groups in a center using worksheets to teach them things—for example, sounds (ch, sh, th). Or I might sit with a student one on one and listen to them read, or make sure they complete their work. I may bring a few students into the hallway and play some kind of teaching game with them.

"Everything I do is given to me by the teacher with clear instructions. Since the beginning of this school year, I've helped a lot with the class while the teacher tests students in the back of the room. (The testing requirements for each child are overwhelming for the teachers right now.) The kids typically have a project to work on at their desks.

"So my volunteering at Garrett Park Elementary involves basically assisting the teacher as needed. When I'm volunteering, the students have an extra pair of hands and eyes and an extra person for attention.

"GPES is a wonderful school. The atmosphere is friendly, warm, positive, and professional. The teachers and staff members are extremely dedicated, and I know welcome any extra help from the community.

"And the children? They're adorable and well-behaved. They're little sponges, ready to soak up anything new that comes their way. They love the extra attention. I always get hellos and smiles and giggles and a report on their new dog or what they're going to be for Halloween or just whatever is going on in their lives.

"Here's a fact I'll leave you with, from a booklet that MCPS put out: 'More than 15,000 volunteers, the vast majority of whom are parents, gave nearly 680,000 hours to county schools during the 2003–2004 school year. This is equivalent to 327 full-time employees, which would cost MCPS more than \$11 million.'"

Barbara Rodes adds:
"I've been in Oasis training for school volunteers recently, and it's a very good program. I have all the training materials and will gladly share them with anyone who might be interested. There is some discussion that the training program might be offered again in January. I hope more Garrett Parkers might be interested. Do call me, 301-946-0964, if you would like to see the materials I have."

The *Bugle* encourages more Garrett Parkers to walk over to the school and see how they can help. And we're eager to hear more about the experiences of other volunteers at GPES. Just e-mail me.

Margaret Soltan

Parks & Open Space Committee

About eight Garrett Parkers met on a beautiful fall Saturday morning on November 5 for a Focus Meeting and site walk at Garrett-Waverly Park, sponsored by the Parks & Open Space Committee. The committee was pleased that Ida Sullivan has joined our group and was on hand to consider things that might be needed in the park.

The consensus of those who met is that the Garrett-Waverly Park is essentially "ok as is," but that a number of maintenance work items need to be completed, and that a couple of benches might be a nice addition.

Standing in the middle of the park and looking at the surrounding area, we noticed that the various tools, materials, and seemingly growing number of dumpsters behind Penn Place detract from our visual enjoyment of the park and our new Penn Place. We discussed stair and ramp access to the park. A list of maintenance work items will be prepared for submission to the town, including (roughly in priority order) tree

stump removal; replacement of nets and painting of basketball backboards and poles; purchase of a court broom for sweeping the tennis and basketball courts; repair of the tennis court fence; replacement of the existing storm water inlet in the green space with a grate inlet at grade; and repair or replacement of the basketball court.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission needs to complete its retaining wall work and do something to correct significant erosion of new dirt backfill that is depositing silt in the green space to create a new "delta in the park." Mayor Shawaker reported that the town has submitted a request to meet with the M-NCPPC to expedite correction of this deficiency.

The committee plans to hold another Focus Meeting in the spring at another park in town. Please contact Chairperson Gerilee Bennett with any comments or questions.

Charles Berry

Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ If you're free on Sunday, November 27, between 2 and 6, stop by the Town Hall to see Sean Ruttkay's exhibit of images on metal (weatherproof art!). He has started up a company, so if you miss the exhibit, check out his Web site: www.elementaldigitalart.com/.
- ♪ Terry Sauvain Jr. passed his bar exam and was sworn into the Illinois Bar on November 10. Congratulations!
- ♪ For those of you who remember the Woodwell family, who lived here from the 40's to the 70's, Anita Woodwell was ordained an Anglican priest on September 29. Her parish is in Wales, Great Britain. Barbara Horn and Winnie Joan Keene went to visit her last year.
- ♪ We are all invited to an Am Kolel Shabbat Service (the Celebration of the Season of the Lights) at the Town Hall, Friday, December 23 at 6:30 pm. It is a pot luck supper; vegetarian dishes are requested. If you have portable musical instruments you would like to play, bring them also. RSVP to trudy@the-temple.net.
- ♪ Photographs by Silvia Dinale are displayed on the landing at Penn Place until December 18. Then Ruth Trattner will move her art work in until January 29, 2006. Stop by to see the displays.
- ♪ Chris Moyer has moved to Virginia Beach to attend Old Dominion University after one semester at the University of Maryland. He took with him a king-sized mattress, but left the springs. If anyone wants a set of box springs (two, twin size) get in touch with Mary Moyer. They're free.
- ♪ Emma Lincoln, who is attending the Graduate School of Information at the University of Texas, Austin, on a Preservation Management Scholarship, had her photograph in the *New York Times* on November 2. She was part of the group of Harrington Fellowship recipients, who are mostly Ph.D. candidates (she is a master's candidate). She said that she liked her picture very much.
- ♪ Leaf collection will continue until December 30. Does it appear to anyone else that there seem to be more leaves this year? And remember, there is no yard waste collection during December, January, and February except on the first Monday of the month.
- ♪ Mary Moyer is in need of some dog food dishes. If you have any she can borrow for two months, please let her know. Also, she would like to borrow pictures of your pet dogs. Make sure the dog's name and your name and street address are on the back. Everything will be returned unharmed. Thank you in advance.
- ♪ We were saddened to hear of the death of Ben Franklin. An obituary will appear in the next *Bugle*.

GP Elementary School

The construction has begun at last for the 6-room addition. Much digging, scraping, and piling of dirt has annoyed the office staff no end. But it was fun watching the construction crew watching the 500+ students march by for the Halloween parade. Some of the big dump trucks had to wait while the children made their way out the driveway and then back again. Mr. Derby made a great Shrek this year.

We have a new staff member: Gillian Ruttkay has come on board as a long-term substitute to help out the third grade, which is overflowing.

The clubs have been set up and will begin on November 30. This year we have added a Cooking Club to the mix of Environmental, Knitting, Cheerleading, Video, Math Games, Yoga, Outdoor Sports, Musical Theatre, and Science. There is also a section of Destination Imagination, a group that will be competitive with other schools. The various clubs are either 8 weeks or 16 weeks long.

Don't forget, you can recycle your toner cartridges at the school, and put your newspapers in the red dumpster out front. The art room teacher is willing to take calendars that have nice pictures on them.

Mary Moyer



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Letter from the Mayor

Please mark December 12 on your calendars. Before the Town Council meeting on that date, we will be hosting our state legislative delegation for a preview of the coming legislative session. It promises to be a very interesting one because of the elections in the fall of 2006. Everyone is invited to come to Town Hall about 7:15 for dessert and the presentation by State Senator Jennie Forehand and Delegate Kumar Barve. Delegates Simmons and Gordon may also join us.

Many of you have observed that the situation at the pedestrian light and crosswalk at Strathmore and Kenilworth has become very dangerous for a number of reasons, including the fact that a lot of cars on Strathmore fail to stop for the red light. Many of you have asked that the light become a fully operating traffic signal for the safety of both pedestrians as well as drivers trying to enter Strathmore. Please put your observations in a letter or an e-mail. Bring letters to the Town Office or mail them to the town at Box 84. E-mail may be sent to garrett.park@comcast.net or to me. I am hoping to collect a file of letters that we can present to the State Highway Administration and to our state legislative delegation. In fact, we could also mention the light on December 12. This is an issue that has concerned town residents for years. Unfortunately, Strathmore is a state highway, and we have to persuade the state to take action. The signal that was installed a few months ago is capable of being turned into a fully operating light. We just have to get the state to agree to do it. This will be as easy as pushing a glass boulder up a glass mountain, but I think we must try before someone is badly injured or killed.

I am happy to announce that a stone carving made by our late town resident, Constantine Seferlis, is to be installed in front of Penn Place. Constantine lived in Garrett Park for over 40 years and was an internationally recognized master stone carver. His sons, Leonides and Andy, continue to live in town and contributed the carving to honor their father and to thank the town for its support of him over the years. The fund that was collected last summer is being

used to pay for the installation, which will take place with suitable fanfare at a future date, probably next spring. Caitlin Gordon and her crew of young people worked for donations. Their efforts were matched by a very generous donation by Lizzie Glidden-Boyle. A very large thank you to all who are helping to bring this work of art to where we can all enjoy it.

I received a note from one of our newer residents who said, "We moved to Garrett Park for the trees, for the eclectic architecture, for the good schools, proximity to Metro ..., but really we moved to find good neighbors." As the holiday season comes, let's remember to be good neighbors, drive slowly, and look out for one another.

Carolyn Shawaker

Women's Club

A word to those of you new to town: all residents (women and men) are automatically members of the Women's Club and are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all activities. The club was started nearly 80 years ago as a politically active group, one of whose primary goals was to promote women's voting rights. The Women's Club and Citizens Association are the two main "umbrella" town organizations and continue to provide many of the town's social activities and forums. Which group sponsors which activity is mainly a matter of tradition, but since Garrett Park is a small town and everyone is a member of both groups, the setup allows a large number of activities—such as this fall's Attic-in-the-Street sale, which, from all reports, was one of the best ever. Many thanks to organizer Celia Hayes and her co-workers: Kay Austin, Jean Horan, Leo Bradford, and Barbara Shidler. Funds raised are used to support other Women's Club activities and causes. Also, overdue thanks are due to Kathy Chamberlain and a host of others for their wonderful work organizing the retirement celebration for Veronica Sauvain last summer.

Upcoming events include the Christmas sing-along (thank you once again, Mary Moyer, for the organizing, all the singers in the GP community chorus, and Veronica for refreshments). The afternoon to meet and greet Santa this year will be hosted by newcomers Allison and James Pearse, with help from former organizer Mandy Mader. Also, many people have been hard at work on special needlepoint cushions for the window seats in the Post Office. And we'll be resurrecting an Occasional Lecture Series starting in January, so look for announcements. Several residents have agreed to present seminars on a range of topics. Anyone who is interested in a particular topic or has a suggestion, feel free to contact me. This year we will once again have the Progressive Dinner in late April or May.

Elin Quigley

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Film Schedule 2006

Here is a peek at the films selected for the 2006 season. We encourage all subscribers to re-up for next year and invite your friends to join, as well. Forms and instructions for joining the Film Society are available at the Post Office and are downloadable from the GP Web site. All movies will be held at Town Hall. Times will be announced.

City of God (*Cidade de Deus*) (2002). Crime/Drama/Thriller. Two boys growing up in a violent neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro in the 1960's take different paths. Breathtaking and terrifying, urgently involved. Plans include a guest lecturer to discuss gang warfare in less developed countries. In Portuguese with subtitles. Rated R. *Friday, January 20.*

A Very Long Engagement (*Un long dimanche de fiançailles*) (2004). Drama/Mystery/Romance/War. A story of soldiers going off to war, and loved ones helplessly awaiting their return. Jean-Pierre Jeunet teams up with Audrey Tautou again (*Amelie*). Indelible images of romance, mystery, and the horrors of war. In French with English subtitles. Rated R. *Saturday, February 11.*

Divided We Fall (*Musíme si pomáhat*) (2000). Comedy/Drama. In Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, a childless couple agree to hide a Jewish boy at great personal risk. Humor, courage, and generosity of spirit are found in unexpected places, as scoundrel, ordinary sinner, and hero all rub shoulders. In Czech and German with English subtitles. Rated PG-13. *Friday, April 7.*

Good Bye Lenin! (2003). Comedy/Romance. In 1990, to protect his fragile mother from a fatal shock after a long coma, her young son must keep her from learning that her beloved nation of East Germany, as she knew it, no longer exists. A touching, tender, funny, and dramatic film. In German with English subtitles. Rated R. *Friday, May 12.*

The Lady Vanishes (1938). Drama/Mystery/Thriller/Comedy. A lady vanishes on a train. One moment she was sitting there; the next, she is gone. Alfred Hitchcock's best early work. The *NY Times* said "if it were not so brilliant a melodrama, we should class it as a brilliant comedy." Not rated. *Saturday, July 15.*

Mad Hot Ballroom (2005). Tremendously entertaining documentary. Eleven-year-old New York City public school kids journey into the world of ballroom dancing and reveal themselves along the way. Don't miss this sunny, uplifting, magical film. Our "back-to-school" special movie for the whole family. Rated PG. *Friday, September 8.*

Big Night (1996). Drama. A great food movie—and much more. Stanley Tucci and Tony Shaloub star as two brothers running a restaurant. A movie where food suggests the possibility of an ideal state and the genius it takes to achieve it. Rated R. *Friday, November 3.*

We expect to offer movie-themed food at several films. Attention, all cooks: we'd love to have you volunteer to cook for one of our movie events! How about making pierogies for *Divided We Fall*? Sauerbraten for *Good Bye Lenin*? Cocktails for *The Lady Vanishes*? Contact Jack Mandel to volunteer!

Light Up the Town!


Join your friends and neighbors as the Garrett Park Citizens Association celebrates the holidays with the Second Annual Luminaria Walk on Saturday night, December 10. As we did last year, we'll first be placing our luminaria in front of our homes and around our shared spaces at around 6 pm. Then everyone can meander towards Town Hall. Take your time; enjoy the hundreds and hundreds of luminaria we've placed. Enjoy a glass of cider or glog or wine at one of your neighbors' open porches. (These homes haven't yet been identified, but will be before the event.) Watch and listen for a couple of groups of carolers, too. Finally, end at Town Hall for dessert and a drink with many of your neighbors. Last year we sang, laughed, and warmed our fannies with a fire pit. It was a beautiful community experience and is bound to be the same this year as well.

We'd love to have even more participation this year. Last year we displayed over 1,200 paper bag luminaria in front of our homes and all around our parks and shared spaces. We had three open porches, a couple dozen carolers, and well over 100 people who ended up at Town Hall. The most direct way to get involved is to buy a couple sets of luminaria from the good folks selling at Penn Place on three consecutive Saturdays, November 26, December 3, and December 10. Each set includes 10 paper bags, sand to place inside the bag, and tea light candles to place atop the sand. We're selling this set of 10 for \$5 each.

We'd love to add your name to our list of volunteers. If you're interested in giving a couple of hours, call Jack Mandel. (How about those Service Learning hours for students?) The more carolers the better! If you want to join a group, call Gene Brantly or Meme Lincoln. If you'd like to contribute a dessert or help set up Town Hall, call Laura Krupp at 301-933-3040.

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Haunted Porcupine Woods

A spooktacular Halloween event recently occurred in town. Kids of all ages showed their pumpkin carving skills, and Porcupine Woods came alive with creatures from all ages and worlds. The day started a bit chilly but was kept warm thanks to Caitlin Gordon, who volunteered to oversee the pumpkin carving and judging event. Many thanks to Caitlin (and Alys Campaigne), who did a great job! More than three dozen kids showed up, showed off their creativity, and received awards (as listed at right).

The night was truly magical—evidenced by the disappearance of one manikin. Remarkably, the lifeless manikin came to life and walked away. If he decides to “walk” back, he will be welcomed like a prodigal son, with no questions asked. Maybe he will make random appearances in town like a garden gnome.

Under a bright-lit sky, Boris, Bullwinkle, and other cartoon classics readied the kids for a frightful stroll through Porcupine Woods. All who entered the woods came out alive, but the ghosts, goblins, and witches of Porcupine Woods had their day.

Many thanks to all who volunteered, especially Therese Keating and the Keating family; Lina Sturges and Kathryn Mitchell, representing Clermont Place (and not disappointing fans of Dave Almy’s coffin); Gabe Schwartzman and his henchmen, keeping it edgy; Tim “The Troll” Tinker, keeping up the troll tradition; the Lillie Family with an awesome first-year appearance; Gene Brantly covering both ends of the woods; Hans and Janet Wegner; the Soltans; Alys Campaigne; Sharon Timko; and of course the Citizens Association—hayride and all.

Also, many thanks to the Black Market for wonderful snacks that disappeared as quickly as the manikin.

2005 Halloween pumpkin awards

- Meena, 7, happiest
- Tae, 4, saddest small
- Livesey, 3, girliest
- Jasper, 5, most magical
- Jesse, 10, most geometric
- Maria, 8, best in show
- Marta, 2, silliest
- Taylor, most striped
- Christina, most enthusiastic
- Caitlin, most creative
- Victor, 5, biggest eyebrowed
- Almendrita, 12, hungriest
- Andrea, 10, most wide-eyed
- Jessica, 7, cheekiest
- Humon, 10, most original and most multidimensional
- Kerry, spookiest
- Harper, cutest
- Kerry’s dad, evilest
- Samantha, most feel-good
- Mason, best crown
- Moriah, angriest
- Emma, dopiest
- Riley, fanciest tail
- Olivia, friendliest dragon
- Piper, cutest
- Irina and Alexander, best smile
- Caterina, happiest and scariest
- Calvin, 10, best hatted
- Sierra, 6, biggest grin
- Quinn, 6, best dentistry
- Julia T., 4, greenest
- Elijah, 7, toothiest
- Oliver, 1, most traditional

Pictures can be viewed at the GP Web page.

Garrett Park Job Seekers

The willing and able bodies of Garrett Park teenagers are ready and anxious to take to their shovels and remove *your* snow! And fear not, if there is no snow, they also baby sit.

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